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enter the following remarks and amendments into the record.

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (amended) An isolated and purified nucleic acid comprising:  
  
(a) a polynucleotide of SEQ ID NO: 5 or  
  
(b) a polynucleotide with 97% identity to SEQ ID NO: 5 which is capable of hybridizing under stringent conditions to the antisense sequence of SEQ ID NO: 5.  
  
15. (amended) An isolated and purified nucleic acid comprising the polynucleotide of SEQ ID NO: 5.

REMARKS

Claims 1 and 15 are pending in the instant application. Claim 1 has been rejected, and the Examiner objected to Claim 15. Claims 1 and 15 have been amended. No new matter has been added by these amendments. Support for amended Claims 1 and 15 may be found *inter alia* in the specification and on page 18 lines 14-17, page 7 lines 21-31, and page 21 lines 7-9. Reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of these amendments and the following remarks.

The Examiner has stated that a complete reply to the final office rejection must include cancellation of